PTS for power

2886. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one of the pre-requisites for any Public Transport System (PTS) is the availability of power or fuel;

(b) if so, whether Government have ample resources to ensure the necessary power supply or fuel supply; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Electricity is consumed by Railways for traction. Apart from motor spirit and High Speed Diesel (HSD), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) have also been permitted for use in public transport system.

(b) The electricity consumption of the Indian Railways for traction is only 2.2% of the country's total consumption.. State Electricity Boards/ Power Companies from whom Railways purchase electricity for traction purposes accord highest priority for supplying power. The existing refining capacity of 116.07 Million Tonnes per annum is more than the estimated current annual demand of around 104 Million Tonnes of petroleum products. The import dependence in oil sector is of around 69%.

(c) There is no power cut to public transport system or shortage of transporation fuels *i.e.* petrol, diesel and aviation transport fuel.

Maharashtra power projects for NTPC

2887. SHRI B. J. PANDA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra has given a Power Project to NTPC;

(b) amount of power that would be generated by the plant to meet the shortage of power in the State;

(c) the details of terms of agreement entered into for the purpose; and

(d) time by which, the project would come up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI